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To Whom It May Concern:

I sent an additional payment on April 18, 2005 of \$220.00 from the University of Arkansas (copy of check enclosed) to complete the required issue fee payment for application 10/815438.

However, I would like to file a complaint concerning this additional fee requirement. I mailed the office action response for this application on September 1, 2004. In speaking with Examiner Anne-Marie Grunberg, she indicated that this item was not placed on her amended docket in a timely manner, and this resulted in an inappropriate delay in action on this response in the Patent Office. She indicated that if the item had been handled correctly, then I could have responded well before the increase in fees that was installed December 8 thus avoiding this additional issue fee charge.

I appreciate your consideration of this complaint, and if it is judged to be worthy of reimbursement, please mail this to the University of Arkansas to my attention at the address on the letterhead above.

Thank you.


John R. Clark
Professor



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NOTICE TO PAY BALANCE OF ISSUE FEE

The issue fee payment filed on 01/03/05 has been received. Although the fee paid in the Notice of Allowance was paid, new patent fees went into effect on December 8, 2004, after the mailing date of the Notice. See the Sections 801 and 803 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). As stated in Section 803 of the Act, "the provisions of this title shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act. . . the provisions of section 801 shall apply to all patents, whenever granted, and to all patent applications pending on or filed after the effective date [December 8, 2004]." Because the issue fee was paid on or after December 8, 2004, the new issue fee was due instead of the amount specified in the Notice of Allowance.¹

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.317, applicant is given a time period of **THREE (3) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this notice during which to pay the **BALANCE DUE** indicated below. The balance due is the difference between the issue fee required on the date that the correct issue fee is paid and the amount that was previously paid. This three-month time period may not be extended. If the balance due is not paid before the expiration of the three-month period, the application will become abandoned (if not issued) or the patent will lapse (if issued) at the termination of the three-month period.

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UTILITY or REISSUE	\$1,400.00 / \$700.00	\$		\$
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PLANT	\$1,100.00 / \$550.00	\$	330.00	\$ 220.00

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this notice and the required additional fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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¹ Applicants should check the current fee schedule posted on the USPTO Internet web site at:
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